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To All Parties as Listed on the E-Docket Service List	
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Re: *In the Matter of the Joint Petition for Approval of Indirect Transfer
of Control of Qwest Operating Companies to CenturyLink*
OAH Docket No. 11-2500-21391-2;
PUC Docket No. P-421, et al/PA-10-456

Dear Parties:

On October 18, 2010, the Joint CLECs filed a reply in opposition to the proposed settlement entered into by the Department of Commerce and the Joint Petitioners. In their response, the Joint CLECs requested that the Administrative Law Judge immediately convene a settlement conference of all parties to the proceeding. This morning, the Joint Petitioners submitted a letter in which they noted that they are receptive to further settlement discussions with the Intervenor on an individual or collective basis provided those discussions do not alter the established schedule in this proceeding.

Under the circumstances, I believe it is appropriate to convene a settlement conference involving all of the parties pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 237.076, subd. 1. Administrative Law Judge Kathleen Sheehy is available to preside over the settlement conference on October 26 or 29, or November 8 or 12. If the parties are agreeable to meeting on Election Day, November 2 is also a possibility. The conference will be held at the Office of Administrative Hearings (which is located at 600 North Robert Street, First Floor, St. Paul), starting at 9:30 a.m. on the selected date.

Please let me know as soon as possible which of these dates will work for you and your clients.

Sincerely,

s/Barbara L. Neilson

BARBARA L. NEILSON
Administrative Law Judge

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